

The Director of Central Intelligence

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Dear Bob,

Thanks so much for your thorough and illuminating followup on our conversation on the train. I certainly was not aware of the potential for Bas-Zaire that you bring out. I hope we can see an improvement in the political stability in Zaire that will make it easier for international lending institutions as well as the United States Government to support the extensive kind of investment you are suggesting in Bas-Zaire.

Additionally, we will have to hope that President Mobutu can restore confidence in the physical security in Shaba sufficiently to keep the mining activities earning their maximum on the foreign exchange. I understand also that part of the excess hydroelectric capacity at Inga is due to the fact that the transmission line to Shaba has not been completed--presumably in part because of the instability there.

Overall, the whole area has such potential it is a shame that it can't seem to develop any more rapidly. Your letter and our discussion certainly helped me to focus on it, and I'll attempt to play a constructive role in my small way.

In the meantime, again thanks for taking the time to write. It was great to see you and to have more of a visit than we've enjoyed in some time.

Yours,



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